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Dear Harold,

Back from PR. Received your letter. Glad you found Triumph...as interesting as I did. Found yet another assassination novel while in PR. I'll prepare an information sheet on them for you and committee soon. This one uses Kennedy assassination (without naming) and also the following assassinations of all the newsmen present at the time. The deaths are done by a government agency, funded to maintain order in the country. It hits heavily at the fact that the government is run largely by government service employes who sit in the background, out of the limelight and seldom change.

Inclosing a paperback on drugs. It may be of interest in light of your question about mescaline. I haven't read it yet. I have one of the two office copies.

Didn't have time to call your friend. The convention was very eventful. for the first time, the young turks came within striking distance of the old guard. We are very close to changing the union into activist-oriented. Still very disturbed about the Supreme Court and the Caldwell decision. The Constitution is seldom in danger by the radical left, but get a few good fascists around and...

I had a friend clipping for me on bugging, ted kennedy, wallace etc. I'll send copies if anything is interesting. I'm still briefing myself on the last week. Puerto Rico is rather sparse on news from the outside world. They get the NY Times, but they are expensive and were bought up quickly. Throwing a real newspaper in amongst newspapermen is like putting Abbie Hoffman up before HUAC.

The news out of Miami is paranoia-inspiring. It appeared earlier that the Demo convention would be calm; space allowed for the crazies to camp etc. Now all the sudden groups jump up to challenge them, Nixon talks about sending in troops, the Miami PD barricades their windows. The power structure is doing more to cultivate a confrontation climate than all the Yippies and the underground press did in 1968.

We are sending the usual top political people, plus a lot of company favorites. If anything heavy happens, our people are going to have coronaries chasing around the streets.

I'll write again soon when I get reoriented.

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